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REP. M. G. (GENE) SNYDER, a freshman Republican from Kentucky, was invited along with all the other new congressmen to a reception given by Vice President and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson. In the last election Rep. Snyder defeated an Administration favorite, Frank Burke.



As they entered the reception, each congressman was given a name tag with party identification included. Rep. Snyder's tag, however, erroneously bore the designation, "DEM."

Result was, he got the big treatment from Democrats at the party. In fact, when he fell into conversation with the Vice President, Mr. Johnson promised to give him an early inside tour of the White House.

Mr. Johnson, according to Rep. Snyder, even said he'd take him into the private West Wing. But now that the party's over and the Vice President has had time to learn Snyder's true colors, it's possible that the invitation, if not withdrawn, may be indefinitely postponed.

Translation Tells All

Sen. Stephen Young (D., O.) says that following several conferences with Castro, Russia's Anastas Mikoyan reported to Khrushchev that the whiskered one is "sumasshedshyt."

A Russian translation of "sumasshedshyt" is "screwball."

A Little Provoked

Emma Guffey Miller, Democratic National Committee woman from Pennsylvania since New Deal days, became a little provoked with the New Frontier recently.

Mrs. Miller, who caused a flurry by releasing a flock of "peace doves" at the 1948 convention in Philadelphia, telephoned the Democratic National Committee to inquire what secretary she should call at the White House if she wanted anything.

She reported she had called presidential aide Larry O'Brien, Press Secretary Pierre Salinger and others but that they had neither taken nor returned her calls. As it happened, when she called the Democratic National Committee, it was Larry O'Brien himself who took the call.

With a surge of gallantry, Mr. O'Brien replied to her question: "Don't bother. We'll call you."

Too Much Home Work

Rep. Catherine May (R., Wash.) spent some time in her home here during adjournment—mostly fooling around in the kitchen and baking cookies and cakes for her family.

While the goodies pleased the kids, it piled up pots and pans for Mrs. May's regular housekeeper who confided to her one afternoon: "Mam, I sure will be glad when you go back to work."

Ted Is Making Headway

When Teddy Kennedy was running for the Senate, one of the campaign slogans used for him was: "He can do more for Massachusetts."

Early this month, Teddy took the oath of office. Last week:

• The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced it was going to build a 1000-acre, \$50 million elec-

tronics research center employing 2000 persons in the Boston area.

• The Public Health Service announced it was going to build a \$2 million laboratory employing up to 150 persons, also in the Boston area.

Touch Football Release

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has issued a press release on the standing of its touch-football team. (Prior to 1961 many of the Federal agencies had bowling and softball teams but touch football was virtually unheard of. And these other sports seldom rated official press releases.)

HEW announced its team defeated the Interior Department 14-7. However, HEW lost to the Government Printing Office which, in turn, lost to the State Department, which went on to take the league title.

Well, it makes for healthier rivalry than leaping into swimming pools.

Looking Into the Future

Rep. Frank Thompson (D., N. J.) has released his annual list of silly predictions for 1963.

January: Richard Nixon enrolls in Columbia School of Journalism. **February:** Post Office issues Mona Lisa stamp, inadvertently uses picture of Whistler's Mother. Stamp collectors go wild. **March:** House Un-American Activities Committee investigates John Birch Society. **April:** Aerial photos of Cuba show giant sling-shot emplacement.

May: De Gaulle demands U. S. take control of French nuclear force. **June:** President asks Queen Elizabeth to lend Crown Jewels, offers Skybolt Memorial Exhibit in return. **July:** Nixon quits job as cub reporter in Whittier, Calif. and announces his availability for Presidential nomination. **August:** Every newspaper in the country reports Nixon story in scrupulous detail; Rockefeller cancels all his newspaper subscriptions.

September: Post Office issues 5-cent stamp without a single flaw; it immediately becomes a collector's item.

October: First astronaut to make round-trip to the moon sprains his ankle water-skiing at Cape Cod. **November:** Congress adjourns after pigeonholing medicare for further study. **December:** CIA discovers firecrackers being sent to Cuba by Russia. Embargo placed on matches."

Mating Problem

At a Federal Aviation Agency press conference, Administrator Najeeb Halaby was asked if all the kinks had been ironed out of the new mobile lounges at Dulles International Airport.

Mr. Halaby said that they had, explaining that earlier difficulties had come about when trying to couple lounges with aircraft. Now that the problem has been solved, Halaby went on.

"The shortest trip from the moment the airplane is at the ramp and the door open, the mating completed and the trip back to the terminal building is about eight minutes. The longest has been about 20. The 20 minutes is well over the intended time. It occurred with an old style aircraft

"Now any one who hasn't encountered a serious mating problem please hold up his hand."

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